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SUBJ: PRESIDENT CHUNG'S VISIT TO CHINA

REF: GEORGETOWN 590

1. GUYANESE PRESIDENT ARTHUR CHUNG'S VISIT TO PRC
APPARENTLY INVOLVED LITTLE OR NO SUBSTANCE. NO DIS-
CUSSIONS WERE HELD ON NEW ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROJECTS.
ACCORDING TO THE GUYANESE AMBASSADOR THE SOLE "SUB-
STANTIVE" CONVERSATION WAS INTERVIEW WITH CHAIRMAN
HUA KUO-FENG IN OR NEAR HARBIN, TAKEN UP LARGELY BY
HUA MONOLUGOE ON "GANG OF FOUR" AND PRC'S OWN RECENT SUCCESSES
IN STRAIGHTENING OUT ECONOMIC SITUATION.

2. BALANCE OF VISIT WAS HIGH-LEVEL TOURIST TRIP,
INCLUDING OPPORTUNITY FOR CHUNT TO VISIT HIS FATHER'S
NATIVE PROVINCE OF KWANGTUNG AND MEET SOME OF HIS
RELATIVES THERE.

3. INITIATIVE FOR VISIT APPARENTLY CAME FROM
PERSONAL REQUEST MADE BY CHUNG TO PRC IN NOVEMBER
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1975. ALTHOUGH GUYANESE WOULD HAVE PREFERRED THAT
TIMING OF VISIT NOT BE SO CLOSE TO BURHHAM'S MOSCOW
TRIP, PRC INSISTED HE COME IN APRIL.

4. WE HAVE HEARD INDIRECTLY THAT PRIOR TO VISIT,
SOVIET AMBASSADOR WARNED HIS GUYANESE COLLEAGUE
THAT HE WOULD BE FORCED TO WALK OUT OF BANQUET IF

TOASTS CONTAINED UNDULY ANTI-SOVIET REMARKS. SUB-
SEQUENT APPROACH MADE BY GUYANESE TO FOREIGN
MINISTRY MIGHT ACTUALLY HAVE HAD SOME EFFECT JUDGING
FROM RELATIVE BANALITY OF VICE PREMIER LI HSIEN-NIEN'S
SPEECH AT WELCOMING BANQUET.
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